

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #43

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SUBJECT(S): Catching Up, BRAC Organizations and Joint Land Use Study

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DISCUSSION:

1. **Catching Up:** We have had a long break between BITS! This should bring us up to date.
 - a. **June 3:** BRAC Jobs 101 at Ft. Meade High School: A large crowd attended this excellent event Anne Arundel County.
 - b. **June 4:** WelcomeBrac, Matching Businesses with BRAC Opportunities: Another large crowd and many business were introduced to the details of Fort Meade Growth for the first time.
 - c. **June 10:** Relocation Fair sponsored by the Fort Meade Alliance and focused on the Defense Information Systems Agency and Defense Media Agency. Over 500 attendees on hand at this great event to learn more about services available in Maryland. More to come on future events of this type!
 - d. **June 13:** DISA Career Day at Applied Physics Lab. Several thousand job-seekers attended this well planned and well executed event. Reportedly, DISA will be hiring a number of these attendees.
 - e. **July 27:** Meeting of the Maryland BRAC Subcabinet: On this 27 July at 2PM, Lt. Governor Brown and the BRAC Subcabinet will conduct a public meeting at the Meade Middle School on Fort Meade. This is a reoccurrence of meetings held in Howard and Anne Arundel counties almost two years ago. More details to follow on this meeting in a future BRAC BIT.
2. **Compatible Civilian Development Near Military Installations:** Simply put, this is a DOD program concerned that the encroachment of growth around military installations will threaten the mission of the installation. In reality, this is a “two-way” street. Both entities must plan in a coordinated manner. The Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) may be a vehicle to assure this coordination. Currently, OEA, Fort Meade and the Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) are reviewing the potential benefits of this study. Much more to follow on this action.
2. **The BRAC Organizations:**
 - a. Local Government Subcommittee (LGS) of the BRAC Subcabinet: Consists of counties and municipalities from across the state that are being directly affected by DOD growth. Currently focused on lack of transportation infrastructure resources and alternative solutions in support of the 5 Maryland BRAC installations.
 - b. Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC): This organization consists of the governments of the 8 counties, 2 cities, federal and non-governmental agencies in and around Fort Meade. Primary focus is on Work Force, Transportation and Emergency Services issues. The 10 government jurisdictions met on 18 June with the Office of Economic Adjustment on the subject of DOD grants.
 - c. Howard County BRAC Task Force: Working at Committee level, next TF meeting in September, with focus on Lessons Learned and Family Support.